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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
JUNE 8, 2009

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held On Monday, June 8, 2009 in the Sybil Brand Conference Room 372, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Duba called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. She welcomed newly appointed Commissioner Norma Gallegos representing the Third Supervisory District.

The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Duba
Vice President Tanberg
Commissioner Gravely
Commissioner Lesser
Commissioner Rodriguez
Commissioner Ward
Commissioner Jernigan

(Commissioner Creary joined the meeting at 10:03 a.m.)

Introduction of audience followed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2009

On motion of Commissioner Jernigan, seconded by Vice President Tanberg, and unanimously carried, the minutes of April 13, 2009 were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Duba reported the following:

- On April 23, 2009, she attended a Domestic Violence Counsel breakfast briefing. In attendance was the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Deputies, Domestic Violence Shelters and Service Provider Directors. She thanked Commissioner Rodriguez who is the Chair of the Domestic Violence Committee.

MEMBERS

Reiko Duba
President

Bobbi Jean Tanberg
Vice President

Peggy Freeman
Treasurer

Yolanda Becerra-Jones
Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D.
Karin Davalos
Norma L. Gallegos
Wadie M. Gravely
Ruth Jernigan
Charlotte Lesser
Julie McCarthy Napoleon
Janet Elliot Mummey, Esq.
Michelle Pinedo
Olivia G. Rodriguez
Veda E. Ward, Ph.D.

Daphne Titus, Foreign Services Affair, Bureau of African Affairs, was a guest and observer at the meeting. Ms. Titus was informed of the meeting through the Women's Commission Website. President Duba commended the communication committee and staff for keeping up the Commission for Women website.

- May 9, 2009, the Annual District Community Meeting was held in the Antelope Valley. This was the first time the Commission has taken the community Meeting to the Fifth District. Sheriff Leroy Baca was in attendance along with women of the Fifth Supervisorial District. She commended Treasurer Peggy Freeman for preparing a wonderful event. In Addition, she thanked the Commissioners for their participation and staff for their support.
- May 12, 2009, two new Commissioners from the Third Supervisorial District were appointed to the Commission (Julie McCarthy Napoleon and Norma Gallegos).
- July 13, 2009, the Commission is having their retreat at the Cathedral of our Lady of the Angels following the Commission meeting. The purpose of the retreat is to revisit the Commissions' mission, goals, values and reflect how the Commission has done in fiscal year 2008-2009, based upon commitment made in August of 2008. Also, at the retreat, the commission will focus on the new fiscal year 2009-2010.
- The Commission is invited to attend a luncheon with SAHARA (South Asia Help and Referral Agency) honoring Commission for Women. The luncheon is scheduled for Friday, June 26, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. at Chakra Cuisine, Beverly Hills. She encouraged Commissioners to attend the luncheon.

TREASURER'S REPORT

President Duba reported on the expendable allowance for the month of April 2009. The beginning balance was \$24,092.29; flex spending expenditures were \$857.42 and ending balance \$23,234.87. The carry-over for May Flex Spending Allocation were \$23,234.87; flex spending expenditure \$0; ending balance \$23,234.878.

COMMISSION SERVICES REORGANIZATION

Sandra Barbee, Chief, Commission Services, informed the Commission of the reorganization of Commission Services. She stated that one supervisor left on a promotion to another department, and another supervisor is leaving next month. Twila P. Kerr and Martha Arana were promoted to supervisory positions. George Britton is acting Assistant Operations Chief. Mr. Jim Corbett has decided to retire in August. In addition, the five teams were broken down to four teams due to the reorganization of staff. Ms. Barbee introduced staff members who will be supporting the Commission.

(Commissioners Becerra-Jones and Pinedo joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.)

APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN'S OPERATING RULES – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Lesser, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the revisions to the Commission for Women's Operating Rules.

APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO SECTION 3.64.030 B., 3.64.050 C., 3.64.080 QUORUM, AND 3.64.120 G. OF THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN'S ORDINANCE

On motions of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Vice President Tanberg, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the revisions of sections 3.64.030 B, 3.64.050 C, 3.64.080 and 3.64.120 G.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO DONATE \$2,000 TOWARDS THE REPRINTING OF THE OFFICE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH 2009 ANNUAL REPORT HEALTH INDICATORS FOR WOMEN BY ETHNICITY AND FEDERAL PROVERTY LEVEL

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, and duly carried, the Commission approved to donate \$2,000 toward the reprinting of the office of Women's Health 2009 Annual Report, with the abstention of Commissioner Pinedo.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE "IT SHOULDN'T HURT TO GO HOME HANDBOOK"

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Lesser, the Commission approved the revisions to the *"It Shouldn't Hurt to Go Home Handbook"*.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO BECOME A COMMUNITY SPONSOR/PROMOTER OF THE PAVE (PROMOTING AWARENESS VICTIM EMPOWERMENT) FUNDRAISING EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2009 AT NO COST TO THE COMMISSION

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Lesser, the Commission approved to become a community sponsor/promoter of the PAVE (Promoting Awareness Victim Empowerment) upcoming event.

UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES PERTAINING TO THE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION FOR GRACE

Cynthia Toussaint provided the following information:

- The 2nd Annual CME Women in Pain Conference: *"No Woman in Pain Left Behind"* will be held Friday, September 18, 2009, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the California Science Center, 700 State Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90037. Keynote speakers are as follows: Loretta Jones, Executive Director, Healthy African American Families; Diane Hoffman, Co-Author, "The Girl Who Cried Pain"; Dr. Patricia Wynn-Jones, Chief of Pain Management, Olympia Medical Center and Cheryl England, Editor-in-Chief, Southern California Physician Magazine. Ms. Toussaint further reported that she will be co-sponsoring Assembly Bill 1144.

FINAL 2009 AWARDS LUNCHEON AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Gravely thanked Commissioners Rodriguez, Creary, and Lesser for all their work. She also reviewed the Preliminary Balance Report from the luncheon and the recommendations for the 2010 Awards Luncheon Ad-Hoc Committee.

(reports are on file in the Commission Office). The final report will be presented at the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Gravely reported the following recommendations for the 2010 Awards Luncheon:

- Complete the nomination appeals process
- Media category – changed to the Arts/Media
- Extend nomination deadline if not enough nominations
- Rotate Commissioner to participate on the luncheon committee
- Invite Micaela Pereira back in 2010 as Mistress of Ceremonies
- Mistress of Ceremony should only introduce the Board of Supervisor and the Supervisor introduce his/her awardee
- Place podium on the center of the stage, and two chairs next to the awards table for Mistress of Ceremony and awardee
- Locate a larger room at the Biltmore Hotel or another hotel in the downtown area (hotel suggestion is the Marriot)

REPORT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BREAKFAST BRIEFING ON APRIL 23, 2009

Commissioner Rodriguez thanked the Commission for hosting another successful event. She reported that shelters and service providers are transitioning from the Department of Community Seniors Services to the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS). Board of Supervisors Deputies attended the event and heard the issues and concerns of the service providers. Four areas of concern were presented to the deputies: mental health, homeless, legislation and funding issues. In addition, thirty-five agencies attended the event. Commissioner Rodriguez suggested the Commission for Women be a liaison to DPSS as they are going through a transition.

REPORT ON 5TH DISTRICT TOWN HALL ON MAY 9, 2009

Commissioner Gravely reported that the Fifth District Community Meeting, A Town Hall Gathering, was held May 29, 2009. Mental Health America of Los Angeles in Lancaster provided the meeting location. Fifty people were in attendance along with Commissioners Rodriguez, Becerra-Jones, Ward, Lesser, Duba, Freeman and Gravely. Keynote speakers were Sheriff Leroy Baca and Fifth District Deputy Norm Hickling. Women of Purpose opened the town hall with a patriotic medley and panelist included: Peg Lee speaking on the Healthy Body; Carol Crabson on Domestic Violence Issue; Judy Cooperberg on Healthy Mind; Sandra Reed on Healthy Community; Pat Tanner on Healthy Families; Leslye Mack on Financial Empowerment and Dixie Eliopulous on a Commitment to the Community.

President Duba thanked the Fifth District Commissioners and all the Commissioners that were able to attend. She gave special thanks to the Committee members, especially Chair, Commissioner Freeman, for her exceptional planning for this event. She added that Carol Crabson and Dixie Eliopulous are former Fifth District Women of The Year awardees.

UPDATE ON THE 5K/10K RUN/WALK

President Duba reported that 5K/10K executive committee met to discuss the 11th Annual Run/Walk & 10K Run. Fourth District, Supervisor Don Knabe, will be honorary race Chair. Supervisor Knabe will host the race in his district and provided the Commission with \$5,000 toward any city, county, and equipment fees. Councilmember Bill Rosendahl, 11th District, is the Friendship Sponsor. The Commission visited the following Cities in his district, Dockweiler Beach, Playa del Rey and El Dorado Park in Long Beach to host the event. However, the Commission decided to hold the Run for Health event at Dockweiler Beach on Saturday, October 31, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Lesser distributed copies of agendas, meeting minutes and information about the Association of California Commission for Women (ACCW) meeting held on May 30, 2009 at the Los Angeles International Airport.

The upcoming National Convention which happens each year will not take place this year due to the economy.

Geneviève Clavreul stated that a meeting was held on Friday, June 5, 2009 at Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital with Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas. She also shared several news articles with the Commission.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENT

Commissioners Jernigan and Creary reported on the Genesee Center Silver Rose Awards Luncheon. Commissioner Creary submitted report to Commission staff. Report is on file.

Commissioner Creary attended the following:

- On April 19, 2009, the Jenesse Center held the "Silver Rose Awards Gala" at the Beverly Hills Hotel. The following guests were in attendance: Halle Berry, Actress; Wayne Brady, Master of Ceremony; Kim Burrell, Vocalist. Honorees: Chef G. Garvin; Wendy Raquel Robinson, Actress; Allstate Insurance Company and Verizon Wireless;
- On May 14, 2009, the 5th Annual California Legislative Black Caucus Foundation was held honoring Darrell Brown, Senior V.P.; Charisse Bremond Weaver, US Bank CEO; Brotherhood Crusade, and Verizon Corporation Leadership Award; Sheraton, LAX, Century Boulevard;
- On May 17, 2009, the "Rhythms in Blooms", Drew Medical Auxiliary presented \$19,000.00 in Scholarships to Medical Nursing and Allied Health Students;
- May 17, 2009 a "Pink Pump" affair was held honoring lifelong achievement award recipient, Congresswoman Maxine Waters and Women of Distinction, Janice Bryant Howroyd, Act 1 Personnel, Commissioner Ruth Creary, CEO, Visiting Angels, LA Caregivers, LLC, and Holly Robinson Peete, Actress;
- May 27-30, 2009, the 10th Anniversary Odyssey Network, Ultimate Business Conference for Women of Color was held. The following speakers were in attendance: Cathy Hughes, Cookie Johnson, Honorable Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, and Bishop Vashti McKenzie;
- June 3, 2009, Inaugural Award and Lecture was held honoring Dr. LeSalle Leffall, Jr.;

- June 6, 2009, Drew University held their 25th Anniversary Graduation ceremony with commencement speaker, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Commissioner Creary shared that while attending a lecture regarding the myths of Dr. Charles R. Drew death in 1957, she learned that the small hospital did not refuse to treat him. However, they did not have the needed supplies of blood and plasma to appropriately treat him.

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA)

Commissioner Creary requested staff to invite Claudia Keller from the American Heart Association to give a presentation to the commission at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

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Norma Gallegos

EXCUSED

Peggy Freeman, Treasurer
Janet Elliot Mummey, Esq.
Julie McCarthy Napoleon

UNEXCUSED

None

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Sandra Barbee, George Britton, Rhonda Rangel, Twila Kerr, Nyla Jefferson, Mireya Rivera, and Emma De Jesus

GUESTS

Geneviève Clavreul
Rose Borja
Cynthia Toussaint
Pat Wilson
Sandra Teasley
Jessica Saint John